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SUMMARY. VANCE VISIT CONTINUES TO BE MAIN STORY IN
CAIRO MEDIA AUGUST 6. PAPERS CLAIM CONDITIONAL
ASAD AGREEMENT TO WORKING GROUP PROPOSAL. MEETING OF GOE
POLITICAL COMMAND TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF VISIT AND
JOINT GOE/PLO COORDINATING COMMITTEE. ARAFAT
SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO ALEXANDRIA SOON. URGENT MEETING OF PLO EXCOM

AND CENTRAL COUNCIL PLANNED IN AUGUST, ACCORDING PLO SPOKESMAN. END SUMMARY

- 1. WORKING GROUP. PRESS CLAIMS ASAD INFORMED SECRETARY AUGUST 5 OF HIS AGREEMENT TO SADAT WORKING GROUP PROPOSAL WITH CONDITION THAT ISRAEL WITHDRAW OBJECTION TO PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT MEPC.
- 2. GENEVA. CARTER'S STATEMENT THAT OCTOBER CONFERENCE REMAINS POSSIBILITY RECEIVED HEADLINE TREATMENT IN AKHBAR AL YOM.
- 3. MESSAGE FROM VANCE. PRESS SAYS AMBASSADOR EILTS HANDED FAHMY URGENT MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY VANCE.
- 4. GOE POLTICAL COMMAND. PRESS HIGHLIGHTS MEETING TO BE HELD LATER TODAY OF "POLITICAL COMMAND" CHAIRED BY SADAT TO DISCUSS VANCE VISIT AND RESULTS MEETING OF EGYPTIAN-PALESTINIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

 MEETING TO BE ATTENDED BY VICE PRESIDENT MUBAREK,
 ASSEMBLY SPEAKER MARI, PM SALIM AND FONMIN FAHMY.

 ACCORDING PRESS, AGREEMENT REACHED BY SADAT AND ARAFAT ON MODALITIES FOR GENEVA AND ON KEEPING GOE -PLO COORDINATING COMMITTEE IN "PERMANENT SESSION" TO FOLLOW

 MID-EAST DEVELOPMENTS.

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- 5. PLO. PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SPOKESMEN TOLD PRESS SADAT HAD AFFIRMED EGYPT GOVERNED BY FOLLOWING BASIC PRINCIPLES:
- (A) WORKING PAPER GIVEN SECRETARY VANCE BY SADAT "BASED ON RABAT CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS" (E.G., THERE NO ALTERNATIVE TO PLO REPRESENTATION AT MEPC);
- (B) " WORKING GROUP" WILL BE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND NOT REPEAT NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR GENEVA AND THERE WILL BE NO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL.
- (C) CAIRO, DAMASCUS, PLO UNITY OF POSITIONS IS BASIC TO ARAB DRIVE FOR PEACE. (NO MENTION OF AMMAN OR JIDDA).
- 6. ARAFAT. PLO SPOKESMEN ADDED THAT ARAFAT CALLING EMERGENCY MEETING PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. PLO CENTRAL COUNCIL WILL MEET ALSO, IN DAMASCUS, BY END OF MONTH.
- 7. TRAVEL. ARAFAT SAID TO BE RETURNING TO ALEXANDRIA
 AFTER COMPLETING PRESENT TOUR ARAB CAPITALS SCHEDULED VISIT MOSCOW
 "SHORTLY" TO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS.

8. EUROPEANS. AKHBAR AL YOM SAYS FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT POSTPONING VISIT TO EGYPT, SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER, UNTIL SPRING, TO ALLOW MID-EAST SITUATION CLAIFY. SAME PAPER REPORTS FRANCE HAS "REJECTED" ISRAELI MEMORANDUM PROTESTING GOF DECISION ACQUIESE IN ARAB BOYCOTT.

9. EDITORIALS. NO SIGNIFICANT EDITORIALS ON PEACE ISSUE; PAPERS LARGELY CONCENTRATING ON QADHAFI/SOVIET AXIS.

10. COMMENT: REPORTS OF ARAFAT TRAVELS AND URGENT MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR PLO EXCOM AND CENTRAL COUNCIL SUGGEST SECRETARY'S VISIT CAUSING REAL FERMENT WITHIN PLO. UNCLASSIFIED

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